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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8713

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AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 - EC PERM REPS MEETING MONDAY,  
APRIL 29

REFS: A) STATE 86686; B) PARIS 10292

1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO REACH BRUNET TODAY DESPITE SEVERAL  
ATTEMPTS (REFTEL B).

2. POINTS MADE REFTTEL B REVIEWED TODAY WITH COLLIN,  
DIRECTOR MULTILATERAL TRADE SECTION, DREE. COLLIN WOULD  
NOT DIVULGE WHAT INSTRUCTIONS, IF ANY, HAVE BEEN SENT  
TO FRENCH PERM REP FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING. CONCERNING  
OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT FRENCH WERE NOT MORE HELPFUL  
LAST WEEK'S MEETINGS IN VIEW OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO  
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CONSIDER COGNAC PROBLEM, COLLIN SAID THAT WHILE WE

APPEARED TO BE MOVING VERY CLOSE TO SOLUTION ON 24:6,  
SOME PROBLEMS REMAINED. HE DOUBTED WHETHER POSSIBLE TO  
WRAP PROBLEM UP TONIGHT, BUT THOUGHT IT COULD BE SETTLED  
WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS, OR LONG BEFORE AUGUST 31 DEADLINE.  
HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT MARINE ENGINES POSED MOST DIF-  
FICULT PROBLEM FOR FRANCE.

3. MATTER OF MOVING ITALIANS ON TOBACCO CONCESSION  
DISCUSSED AS PER PARA 7, REF A. COLLIN KEPT ASKING FOR  
DETAILS ABOUT OUR POSITION ON SUITABLE OFFER ON TOBACCO.  
HE SAID THAT ITALIANS HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED COMMISSION  
PROPOSAL OF 55 U.A. HE SAID MOVING ITALIANS VERY FAR  
WOULD BE DIFFICULT. WHEN IMPORTANCE OF SATISFACTORY  
OFFER ON TOBACCO STRESSED, COLLIN COMMENTED THAT  
ITALIANS THUS EXPECTED TO GIVE IN ON TOBACCO IN ORDER  
FOR FRENCH TO GET SOMETHING ON COGNAC.  
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